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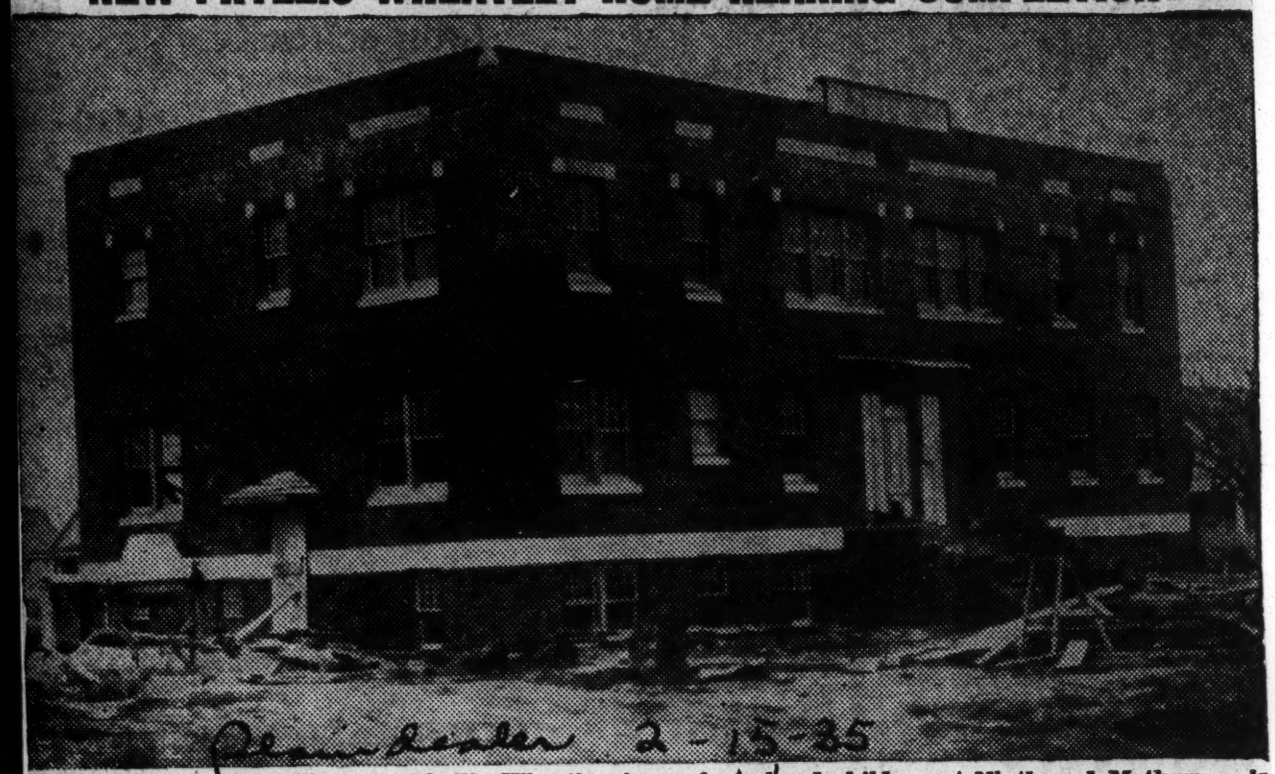
NEW PHYLLIS WHEATLEY HOME NEARING COMPLETION



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CONSTRUCTION of the new Phyllis Wheatley home for colored children at Ninth and Mathewson is nearing completion, and workers hope to have it ready for occupancy within four weeks. In the beginning, cost of the building was estimated at $10,000, but the building figure will run between $11,000 and $12,000, it is said. Backers of the project need approximately $800 more and an intensive drive and appeal will be made so that the home may be clear when the children move in.—Staff photo.

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Highest Scouting Awards Go To Marjorie Dodd Vera Holden

The first colored girl scouts in Harlem to be awarded the Golden Eaglet badge, highest ranking in the organization, is the distinction now held by Vera Holder and Marjorie Dodd. This honor was conferred on them at the Court of Awards which was held last Friday evening at St. Mark's M. E. Church, 138th street and St. Nicholas avenue.

The Golden Eagle award, like the Eagle rating in the Boy Scout organization, signifies one who has passed all tests of fitness and ability. Those holding such rank are considered the "cream of the crop," and the attainment of this rating is a signal honor.

Both of these newest Eaglets belong to the same troop, Troop 91, which is commanded by Miss Mary Lou Hall, of 214 West 137th street. Their achievement is a source of great pride to Miss Hall, herself a former girl scout and member of the same troop which she now leads. The troop was started by Miss S. L. Parrott, Harlem's first Girl Scout Field Captain, who is now the Girl Reserves Secretary at a Philadelphia YWCA.

This latest honor is the crown for a list of achievements of each of the two girls. Both of them have been members of Troop 91 for about six and a half years. They are each the proud possessors of 21 merit badges for excellence in various fields of activity and on their uniforms they display a silver stripe signifying five years of service in the organization. In addition, each has been awarded five gold stripes for perfect attendance during their periods of service.

Vera, who is 17 and lives at 233 West 128th street, is a student in the sixth term at Textile High School. She is a graduate of P. S. 81, and plans to study dentistry. She is a native New Yorker and professes a liking for writing poetry as a hobby.

Marjorie, 18 years old, was born in Barbados, B. W. I. Also a graduate of P. S. 81, she is at present in the seventh term at Wadleigh High School where she is pursuing a secretarial course. Her taste runs to collecting stamps and old coins. She lives at 213 West 111th street.

At present there are 24 girls in Troop 91, according to Miss Hall. They meet every Friday evening at the Urban League building, 206 West 136th street, one of the several active units which are progressing rapidly under the capable direction of Mrs. Claudia Dorsey, youthful and energeic field captain of the Harlem section of the organization.

She's Now Head of "YW" in Bridgeport

Miss Mayme V. Holmes.

Bridgeport Herald 9-1-35

On Tuesday Miss Mayme V. Holmes began duties as the executive secreary of the Phyllis Wheatly branch of the Y. W. C. A. in Bridgeport, Conn. For the past two years Miss Holmes had been employed in the activities department of the West 137th street branch of the "Y." 9-7-35

Previously she worked as secretary to Jane E. Hunter, executive secretary of the Phyllis Wheatly Association in Cleveland, Ohio, and also served in the department of records and research in Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Miss Holmes, a native of Richmond, Va., is a graduate of Virginia Union University of that city.

GIRL SCOUTS IN NATIONAL CELEBRATION

Journal and Guide

Grace Episcopal Service Begins Observance

11-9-35

(Reprinted from last week's Home Edition)

The girls scouts of Norfolk, who are joining this week with scouts all over the country for the celebration of National Girl Scout Week, held their initial program Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, with the pastor, the Rev. B. W. Harris, as chief speaker.

Rev. Harris' address was divided into two parts. In the first part, he spoke to the congregation, stressing the importance of the scout program and the benefit of such a program in the life of the community. In the second part of his address, he spoke to the girl scouts themselves, pointing out the meaning of each special day in the scout week.

Millie Dudley, one of the scouts, gave the life of Mrs. Juliette Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts of America. Miss Mabel White, in charge of local girl scout work, was present and made a brief address.

Thursday, from 5 to 8 p. m., the scouts had a Hallowe'en party at St. John Church. Each scout was allowed to bring one guest.

During the week, Sunday was known as "Scouts' Own" Service day and appropriate services were held by the scouts in churches all over the country. Monday was homemaking day; Tuesday, handicraft day; Wednesday, thrift day; Thursday, the birthday of Juliette Lowe at which time recreational projects were being sponsored for the scouts; Friday, citizenship day and Saturday, health day.

The Norfolk group owes its existence to the earnest efforts of Rev. B. W. Harris of Grace Episcopal Church, Rev. J. A. Young of St. John A. M. E. Church, Rev. G. W. Watkins of Bank Street Baptist Church and Winston Douglas of Booker Washington High School, who actively sought to secure the benefits of this internationally known character building institution for Negro girls.

A troop stationed in each of the three churches mentioned above, under the leadership of Misses Margaret Lawrence, Maxine Ferebee and Edith Smith respectively.

New Orleans, La., Times-Picayune
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College Building Offered for Use by Negro Y. W. C. A

Stone Hall, heretofore used as a girls' dormitory at Straight college, has been offered for the use of a Young Women's Christian Asspciation for negroes. The American Missionary Association, owners of the college, made the offer.

NEGRO Y. W. C. A. PLANNED IN CITY

Building at Straight College Offered for Use This Year

Plans for establishment of a Young Women's Christian Association for negroes in New Orleans were announced Saturday by a group of citizens interested in the project.

The group announced that the American Missionary Association, owners of Straight college, which will become a part of Dillard university, have offered the use of building for the Y. W. C. A. for one year, or until the property is sold.

The building is Stone Hall, heretofore used as a girls' dormitory. Use of the structure includes furnishings and equipment. The owners have proposed to paint the building, beautify the grounds and construct new wire fences to replace present board ones.

According to the 1930 census, there are more than 40,000 negro girls and women in New Orleans, between the ages of 15 and 45, the age group for which the Y. W. C. A. assumes responsibility.

Surveys made in 1931 and 1934 by trained social workers revealed that practically all of these were living in crowded, small houses. They have had no place for group meetings or recreation.

Plans of the committee for the Y. W. C. A. include employment of a trained executive and recreational or vocational classes such as social hygiene, recreation leadership, home economics and workers' education.

Approximately $5000 was needed to finance the project for one year, according to the announcement. A negro committee succeeded in raising its allotted quota of $2000, and a committee of prominent citizens is at work to obtain the remaining $3000.

The group interested in obtaining the funds includes William H. Alexander, Mrs. T. M. Logan Bruns, Mrs. Reuben Chauvin, Mrs. Lewis S. Clarke, Mrs. L. B. Driscoll, Charles A. Favrot, Mrs. Joseph E. Friend, Mrs. Cenas Gaines, Mrs. Charles Godchaux, Miss Carmelite Janvier, Richard F. Lawton, Mrs. I. I. Lemann, Mrs. George King Logan, Mrs. John M. McBryde, Mrs. Richard McCarthy, Mrs. Charles Macmurdo, Mrs. Francis G. Moore, Mrs. John T. Moore, Mrs. John M. Parker, Jr., Mrs. William H. Perkins, Mrs. Esmond Phelps, Mrs. Charles Rosen, Mrs. Maurice Stern, Miss Florence Sytz, Mrs. Harry A. Thompson, Mrs. Frank S. Walshe, Mrs. Gustaf R. Westfeldt and Mrs. George E. Williams.